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IV.

During the siege of Boston, General Howe, when he superseded General Gage, who had been relieved of the command after the battle of Bunker Hill, issued a number of proclamations, among them the following, to the loyal citizens of Boston.

A PROCLAMATION. By His Excellency, the Hon. Wm. Howe, Major General, and Commander-in-Chief, &c.

Whereas, it is become the indispensable Duty of every loyal and faithful Citizen, to contribute all in his Power for the Preservation of Order and good Government within the Town of Boston:

I do hereby recommend, that the Inhabitants do immediately associate themselves, to be formed into Companies under proper Officers, selected by me, from among the Associators, to be solely employed within the Precincts of the Town, and for the Purposes above mentioned.

That this Association be opened in the Council Chamber, under the Direction of the Honorable Peter Oliver, Foster Hutchinson, and William Brown, Esquires: on Monday the thirtieth Day of October, 1775, and continued for four Days following, that no One may plead Ignorance of the same.

Out of the Number of Persons voluntarily entering into this Association, all such as are able to discharge the Duty required of them, shall be properly Armed, and an Allowance of Fuel and Provisions be made to those requiring the same, equal to what is issued to His Majesty's Troops within the Garrison.

Given at the Head Quarters in Boston, this Twenty-eighth Day of October, 1775.

W. HOWE.

By His Excellency's Command,

Robert Mackenzie.

In response, an association for military service was formed and issued an address, a fac-simile of which here follows.

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IV.

AN ASSOCIATION,

PROPOSED TO THE

LOYAL CITIZENS.

AGREEABLE to the Proclamation iſſued by His Excellency the Honorable Major-General WILLIAM HOWE, Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Forces, &c. &c. &c.

WE, His Majeſty's loyal Subjects of the Town of *Boſton*, being ſenſible of the Duty incumbent on us, "to do every thing in our Power, to ſupport Order and good Government, as well as to contribute our Aid to the internal Security of the Town;"—NOW take this Opportunity to profeſs our firm Allegiance to His Majeſty, and entire Obedience to His Government and Laws.

FROM a Diſpoſition to continue quiet and obedient Subjects, we have generally neglected the [illegible] of Arms while thoſe of different Characters and Sentiments, have been diligently endeavouring to improve themſelves in that Art. Upon theſe Principles, we have remained in, or fled to, this Town: Neither do we wiſh or deſign to leave it,

WE conſider it as our ſtrongeſt Duty to contribute our Aid in Promoting the Peace, Order and Security of the Town; and are willing to be employed, to theſe good Purpoſes, in the Ways and Means ſuited to our Capacities. TO THAT END, we chearfully accept the Offers of his Excellency, and NOW VOLUNTARILY ASSOCIATE, for the Purpoſes mentioned in his Proclamation; hereby Promiſing, "that ſuch of us as he ſhall think proper, or able to perform the Duties therein required, will be formed into Companies, as therein mentioned: And will, to the utmoſt of our Power, faithfully perform thoſe Services, and punctually diſcharge the Truſts repoſed in us. And, that ſuch as are not able to go through thoſe Duties, will freely contribute our Proportions, according to our Abilities, to raiſe a Sum of Money for promoting this ſalutary Purpoſe, to be applied to the Uſe of thoſe, who are able, in ſuch Manner as the General, or thoſe he may appoint, may think proper.

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